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Gentlemen:

In our most recent trip to Europe, Mrs. Stickney and I met a businessman in the Netherlands with whom we established a friendly relationship. We have been corresponding with him since our return. We expect to leave for Europe on June 11th and we will be in the Netherlands in July and intend to contact this party.

In a letter we received a few weeks ago from him, he expressed a desire to discuss with me the Indonesian foreign policy of our country. He was quite critical and stated very frankly that he could not understand the position taken by the United States relative to the Netherlands' interests in the Far East. I feel rather inadequate to discuss this matter with him in any detail because, frankly, all I know is what I have read in the newspapers. I am actually very poorly informed on the subject.

The purpose of this letter is to find out if there is any available literature which would give me reasons and arguments to give to this friend in the discussion I know I will have with him. If such is not available, maybe you could direct my attention to some recent article which covers this situation. If you have enough time, a letter from the Department would probably be the best approach.

I have had many discussions abroad with peoples of many countries and I find so often that they don't understand us and what we are trying to do. Most of the time I have been able to come up with fairly satisfactory answers, but as far as Indonesia is concerned, frankly, I am quite ignorant.

Yours sincerely,

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J. K. STICKNEY, JR.

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SUBJECT: Island of Bali -- Political Leadership, Tourism, USIS Films Potential

On holiday in Bali, the reporting officer and his wife had with them a copy of the USIS film "Colonel Glenn's Orbital Flight", which they presented - for the first time on the island, to civil and military officials at a representational buffet supper/film showing in the gardens of the Bali Hotel, May 3, 1962. The number of guests totaled one hundred-thirty and included not only officials and their wives but also members of the local press and representatives of the two Indonesian news agencies, Antara and Pia. Furthermore, the screen was in full view of the street, where 150 to 200 additional persons congregated to see the performance.

In making arrangements, the reporting officer met and talked to a number of Balinese and, consequently, came away with random impressions which are summarized under the following three headings:
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Political Leadership

Governor SUTEDJA and the PNI - oriented civil service dominate the political scene, appropriately enough since the province of Bali is in State of Civil Emergency, as opposed to East Java, for instance, which is in State of Military Emergency, and Nusatenggara Timur (Timor, Flores, and Sumba), which has recently been raised to State of War. Although accused of being leftist, the Governor appears to be friendly to the West, the United States in particular. He readily agreed to the film showing and asked his secretary to compile a guest list. He named off friends and relatives who are now in the United States for one reason or another and he made a point of identifying Pan American manager, Walter S. SPILLUM, in Djakarta as "a best friend". Extremely personable, he gives the impression of being friendly to everyone. His family is an asset to him, or "assets", since he has eleven children (2 sets of twins). Mrs. Sutedja, who was head of the dance group for the "floating fair" that visited Honolulu, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Manila, and Singapore in 1961, is a Balinese of considerable charm.

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Although Governor Sutedja gave no indication of the friction that reportedly exists between him and RegWar Administrator Lt. Colonel SUPARDI, the latter was quite frank in stating that his job on Bali is difficult because the Governor is "pink" and PNI leaders are weak and will not stand up to PKI pressure. He said that he had been invited to visit the United States, but that he had had to decline because of the "current critical situation" in Indonesia and that he had so informed Embassy Djakarta. He did not attend the film-showing but sent an official representative and, in conversation, expressed considerable interest in USIS films -- see below. The reporting officer got the impression that he doesn't appear in public with the Governor unless he has to. He made no reference to Nusatenggara Timur's being raised to State of War, though that province falls under his jurisdiction. He referred several times to his being exceptionally busy.

Friction within the official family in another quarter came to the attention of the reporting officer in negotiating with the police for permission to show films at the party. The officer did not have with him a license to show the films, but the secretary of the Governor assured him early in the week that the matter would be arranged with the police through his office. Even so, the morning of the performance a young protocol officer, who knew nothing about previous discussions, hurriedly rushed the reporting officer to the police to enter into negotiations. It was announced by the police that the Governor would have to write a letter to the Police Commissioner explaining that he had agreed to the films being shown. At the Governor's office later, however, the secretary of the Governor hit the ceiling at the idea of the police demanding a letter and sent the protocol officer back to the police with instructions that the Governor's verbal approval must suffice.

In all fairness to Police Commissioner SISWADJI, who seemed very friendly at the party that evening, the reporting officer got the impression that he knew nothing about the incident. The Commissioner, who is Javanese, and apparently a bit surprised to find himself in Bali, was assigned to his present post from Djakarta a little less than a year ago. He has been in the United States twice; the second time, in the mid-50's, he was at Columbia University for three years. (End CONFIDENTIAL)

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Tourism

The consensus of the Balinese seemed to be that tourism has come into its own. Roads are better than they have ever been; hotels are reasonably full, with a new hotel in the planning stage; cruise ships once again are including Bali on their schedules; GOI-backed NITOUR is establishing itself as a reasonably reliable travel agency; and Garuda plane service to and from Djakarta is reasonably satisfactory. The opposite is true of plane service to Surabaya; also, car-ferry service between Bali and Java is unreliable. At the time that the reporting officer wished to cross with his car, the car-ferries were inoperative for a whole week. However, the tourists all come by air from Djakarta, not from Surabaya.

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The GOI-owned Bali Hotel in Denpasar, which was the former pride of the Dutch Royal Interocean Line and which, with its annexes at Sanur and Kuta, can now accommodate 200 visitors, seems to be under good management, judging from the efficient way in which the manager set up the above-mentioned buffet supper/film showing. The annex at Sanur, called Sanur Hotel (formerly Sindu Beach), has several new bungalows along the shore, running water, electricity adequate for nighttime consumption, and fairly good food. The Segara Beach Hotel, which is on the same beach, is operated by the manager of Nitour on Bali, who seems to be largely interested in promoting Bali as a second-Hawaii, which he visited last year as an official of the "floating fair".

Also on the beach at Sanur is to be constructed a new hotel, financed by Japanese reparations-backed credit. It will be a luxury-type hotel for dollar-paying foreign guests and "sky-scraper" in architecture, at the President's insistence, though some Balinese take a dim view of the style since the shore is largely uninhabited and would easily accommodate low rambling buildings that seem more appropriate to Bali. According to Governor Sutedja, the hotel will be American-managed for at least the first few years. The chief stumbling block at the moment is how to get heavy construction equipment to Sanur beach from the port at Buleleng. The roads are good, as stated above, but the Dutch-built bridges, of which there are many, are only wide enough for an American-made passenger car, not for a truck. The solution seems to be the construction of a temporary pier at Sanur to receive heavy equipment and this, of course, will involve time and more money.

USIS Films Potential

USIS films are much in demand. At a school exhibition on National Education Day Governor Sutedja, not knowing that USIS films are all 16 millimeters, saw a photograph of Colonel Glenn and informed students that he would try to make it possible for them to see a film covering Glenn's orbital flight, at a downtown theatre. He was disappointed later when informed that this would not be possible. He said that he would like very much to obtain educational films for the schools, if and when available. Likewise, both the Information Office Chief and Public Health Chief expressed considerable interest in the Glenn film and USIS films in general. The Public Health chief was especially anxious to make use of the Glenn film on World Red Cross Day, May 8, but the film had to be returned to Surabaya prior to that date.

The Panglima, as soon as he heard of the Glenn film, asked to borrow it and the other two films ("Space Flight" and "National Parks and Monuments") for the army. Arrangements were made for him to make use of the three films on two separate occasions during the reporting officer's stay in Bali.

It would seem as if another visit to Bali by a USIS mobile unit would be desirable, no such visit having been made since August 1961.

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American Consul

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Dear Congressman Beckworth:

I want to thank you for your communication of May 28 with which you enclosed a letter from Mr. William J. Cobb of Tyler, Texas concerning United States Ambassador Howard P. Jones in Djakarta and the West New Guinea dispute between Indonesia and the Netherlands.

Mr. Cobb has noted a news report that Ambassador Jones "is openly leading the cheers after Mr. Sukarno's pep rallies encouraging the people to war against our allies and friends the Dutch in New Guinea." The report is manifestly incorrect. As is his custom, President Sukarno recently invited several ambassadors to accompany him on a trip to North Sumatra. Ambassador Jones was among those invited. As is also his custom, President Sukarno presented each of the ambassadors to his audience at the conclusion of his speech. It is noteworthy that Ambassador Jones was warmly received by the audience, a reflection perhaps of the great reservoir of good-will for the United States which exists among the Indonesian people.

The United States has furnished modest amounts of military equipment to Indonesia, chiefly to the Indonesian Army, under the terms of a Military Sales Agreement concluded August 13, 1958. The Agreement between the two countries specifies that the equipment will be used for the self-defense of Indonesia and for the maintenance of its internal security. The United States concluded this Agreement because it was believed in the interest of the United States, in view of Indonesia's strategic location and rich natural resources, to preserve cordial and useful relations particularly with friendly elements in Indonesia including the military authorities. In the current situation Indonesia has been made aware of United States opposition to the use of force in settling the West New Guinea dispute.

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The Honorable
Lindley Beckworth,
House of Representatives.

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In the view of the Department, it is in the interest of the Netherlands, Indonesia and the United States to avoid hostilities over West New Guinea which could only benefit the Soviet Bloc. Indonesia's strategic location and our own present concerns elsewhere in Southeast Asia make a peaceful settlement of the dispute of direct importance to this country. Accordingly, the United States is giving strong support to the efforts being made by former Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker, acting in a private capacity at the request of the Acting Secretary General of the United Nations, to bring the two parties together for negotiations leading to a peaceful and acceptable solution to the dispute. As the President noted in his press conference on April 11, "... our only interest is to see if we can have a peaceful solution which we think is in the long-range interest of the free world and of our allies."

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,


Frederick G. Dutton
Assistant Secretary

Enclosure:

Letter from Mr. Cobb.

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Sir:

The attached communication
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Please investigate the statements
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the necessary information for re-
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Yours truly,

Lindley Beckworth
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